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CONCURRENCE ON FINAL REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FOR AREA 1 SOIL AND GROUND WATER FOR OLD HAMMER FIELD, FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Card:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has completed its review of the Final Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for Area 1 Soil and Ground Water at Old Hammer Field, Fresno, California. DTSC's previous comments have been addressed satisfactorily and DTSC concurs with the determinations made in the Final RAP for Area 1 Soil and Ground Water. Below is a summary of the RAP's components for the preferred alternative and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approved documents.

The RAP summarizes the results of the Final Remedial Investigation, Human Health Risk Assessment and Final Feasibility Study. The 30-day comment period for the RAP ended on March 30, 2004 with two comments received. The comments were not substantive with regard to the selected remedy. DTSC has prepared a Responsiveness Summary to respond to the two comments. The RAP selects Alternative 4B, which includes Institutional/Engineering Controls, Long-Term Monitoring, Source Area Treatment, and Toe-of-Plume Ground Water Extraction. Preferred alternative 4B protects human health and the environment, restores beneficial uses of on-and off-site ground water through active remediation, and includes long-term ground water monitoring to track the remediation process. As part of the approval of this project, DTSC found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has prepared a Negative Declaration for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. Peter MacNicholl of my staff at (916)255-3713 or e-mail him at pmacnich@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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